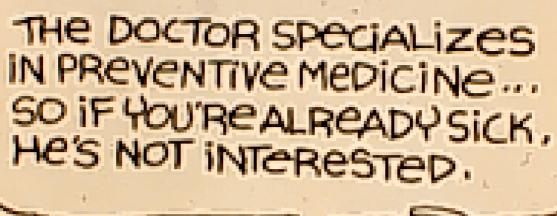
Best Practices in Workplace Surveillance: We've seen the best...how about the rest?

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What do we know?

- Surveillance is an incredibly powerful tool
- So much opportunity...so little support
- Much to do, but also much to know
- Partnerships can be key
- "The best is the enemy of the good."
- Surveillance doesn't prevent...but it sure helps!

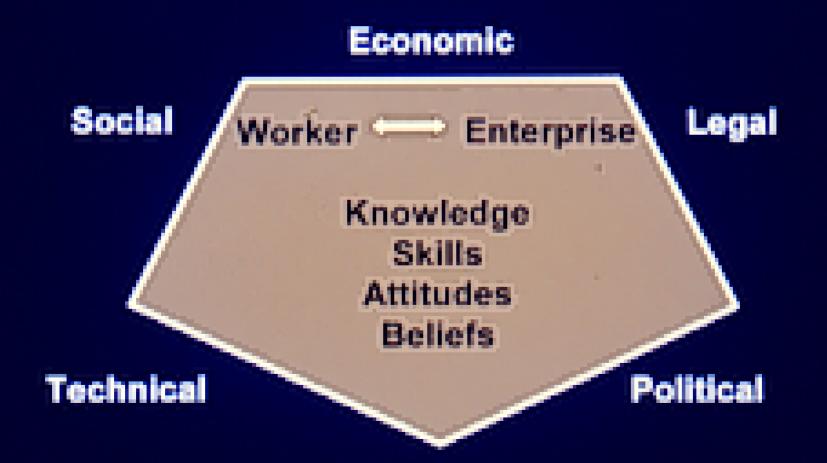
What can/should NIOSH do?

- Conduct & support mission-relevant surveillance
- Leverage & link: Engage in and support productive partnerships
- Use NORA to benefit surveillance
- Improve tools for generating, analyzing & reporting

What can/should NIOSH do?

- Harmonize surveillance recommendations (best science & best practices)
- Continue the dialogue: what works, what's useful?
- Be mindful of the context of surveillance
- Practice what we preach

Prevention Barriers & Promoters



Other thoughts

- Surveillance reflects and requires constancy of purpose
- Case-based surveillance is more than anecdotes...but anecdotes are also critical
- Best practices can inspire, or discourage
- Different cars...same train...same destination
- Surveillance is old hat...and cutting edge
- "Bearing witness"

Surveillance, itself, prevents nothing; surveillance is, however, a remarkably powerful tool to motivate & focus prevention and assist in evaluating the successes, or shortcomings, of preventive efforts.

